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1. EMBASSY JIDDA WELCOMES PROSPECT OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE TRADE AND FINANCIAL MISSION (IOGA) TO SAUDI ARABIA. AMBASSADOR WEST SENDS HIS WARM REGARDS. SCHEDULING IN MARCH 1978 APPEARS GOOD WITH ONLY NEAR CONFLICT CONSISTING OF FOURTH SAUDI INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY FAIR (MARCH 15-29) ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMATION. LATTER FAIR HAS BEEN GROWING IN IMPORTANCE IN RESPECT TO BOTH SIZE AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, AND WILL CONSUME ENERGIES OF SAUDI OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS. HENCE, IF SOUTH CAROLINA IOGA COULD BE ADVANCED FEW DAYS, THAT WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

2. AS DESCRIBED REFTEL A, SOUTH CAROLINA IOGA DOES POSE SOME PROBLEMS, FIRST: SIZE OF MISSION. USDOC AWARE THAT EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATES SIZE OF IOGA BE LIMITED TO TWELVE.
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JIDDA SUPPORTS ABU DHABI 2450 ON THIS ASPECT. USLO RIYADH AS TWO-MAN POST COULD NOT ADEQUATELY SUPPORT IOGA AS PLANNED. SECOND: MIXED COMPOSITION OF BANKERS AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT WOULD SEEM UNWIELDY. IN ANY EVENT, RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT FINANCIAL SIDE OF IOGA CONSULT WITH MIDDLE EAST AREA OFFICERS OF NEW YORK BANKS AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF SAUDI ARABIAN AFFAIRS,

BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE EMBARKING ON MISSION. EMBASSY JIDDA
WOULD PROPOSE TWO CONTROL OFFICERS AND LARGELY SEPARATE
THE IOGA AS MOST EFFECTIVE IN-COUNTRY APPROACH IF SOUTH
CAROLINA ADHERES TO PRESENT COMPOSITION.

3. POST WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE POSSIBILITIES
FOR GENERAL INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT SIDE OF IOGA FOLLOWING
VISIT OF INDUSTRIAL PROCESS CONTROLS TRADE MISSION SHOULD
IN OCTOBER 1977. INDUSTRIAL SIDE OF TRADE MISSION SHOULD
ALSO INCLUDE DHAHRAN IN ITINERARY AS SITE FOR PLANNED
LARGER PETROCHEMICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES.

4. REFTTEL A WAS REPEATED TO DHAHRAN FOR COMMENTS.
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